

E-015/RP-94-291 ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Minnesota Power's 1994
Biennial Resource Plan Filing

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 1, 1994, Minnesota Power (or the Company) filed its second proposed resource plan, pursuant to Minn. Rules, parts 7843.0100 to 7843.0600.

On July 26, 1994, Richard J. Andree filed a petition to intervene in the resource plan proceedings. Mr. Andree stated that he has expertise and experience which distinguish him from the average ratepayer. According to Mr. Andree, his 24 years of experience as an electrical engineer will allow him to provide valuable insights regarding the supply side of Minnesota Power's proposed resource plan. Mr. Andree stated further that he had participated in Minnesota Power's hydro licensing effort before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, arguing in that proceeding that the Company is not operating its reservoir system to maximize its hydroelectric output. Because of his training and experience, Mr. Andree argued, his participation would be useful to the resource plan process.

No party commented on Mr. Andree's request for intervenor status.

The matter came before the Commission for consideration on October 13, 1994.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission agrees with Mr. Andree that his participation in the Minnesota Power resource plan should provide useful insights for the Commission's consideration. The Commission notes that Mr. Andree is the only party other than state agencies to request intervenor status to date. Mr. Andree's perspective as a ratepayer with special expertise and experience should be helpful to the process.

ORDER

1. The Commission grants Richard J. Andree's July 26, 1994, petition to intervene in the Minnesota Power resource plan.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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